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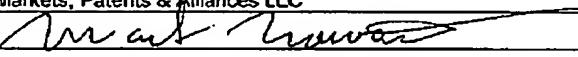
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Applicant(s): Groz

Application No.: 10/043,071

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rate of return and maximum payout in a game with
one or more players

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WRITTEN RECORD OF PHONE INTERVIEW UNDER 37 CFR 1.2

Dear Examiner Hoel:

Thank you for the courtesy of our phone interview of 13 September 2006.

During that interview, we discussed the following.

That in order for a declaration of prior invention to be effective under 37 CFR 1.131(b), it is sufficient that

"The showing of facts shall be such, in character and weight, as to establish ...conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the reference coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent ... filing of the application." (excerpt of 37 CFR 1.131(b))

It is not necessary that said declaration show that there was an actual reduction to practice either before or after the effective date of the reference.

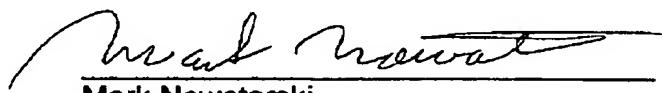
That Robbin Frances Juris, author of Exhibit A dated 1 August 2006 and made of record in the instant application, was the wife of the applicant, Marc M. Groz, at the time Mr. Groz described his invention to her. Robbin Frances Juris is still the wife of Mr.

Groz as of the date of said Exhibit A. The agent of record, Mark Nowotarski, prepared a draft of said Exhibit A for Ms. Juris based on a phone interview with her wherein she related the details of the incident, as described therein, of Mr. Groz's original description of the invention to her.

That Tom Bakos FSA, MAAA, author of the declaration dated 17 March 2006 and made of record in the instant case, was compensated by the applicant at industry standard rates for his preparation of said declaration. The agent of record, Mark Nowotarski, has employed Tom Bakos as a consultant in the past to provide expert opinion in the actuarial sciences for the purpose of advancing prosecution of other pending patent applications. Mark Nowotarski and Tom Bakos have coauthored papers on the subject of patents in the financial services industry, provided links to each other's web sites, and have referred clients to each other on a non-exclusive basis. The agent of record, Mark Nowotarski, prepared a draft of said declaration for Mr. Bakos based on a phone interview with him wherein Mr. Bakos described the facts and his professional opinions related therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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